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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Planning and Policy Staff, IC Staff

SUBJECT:

Manned Space Station Issue

The following has developed after yesterday's submission. Please add this to the DDCI briefing book:

1. Information obtained yesterday from Commerce Department staff confirmed the previous statements regarding Secretary Baldrige's position on the manned space station issue. At the meeting today Baldrige is not expected to support Option 1. If the Keyworth proposal is placed on the table, he may support that or, alternatively, he might support Option 2, an extended duration Shuttle. If the Keyworth proposal for a White House-sponsored high level national study group is accepted, Baldrige is concerned about who will be chosen to lead this effort. As we understand it, Baldrige does not favor the NSC Staff or Craig Fuller. He would prefer someone like Keyworth and would urge the DCI to support this choice.

2. A DCI position on Dr. Keyworth's proposal appears to be needed. Dr. Keyworth's three-part proposal (Option 5 for the CCCT meeting) is contained in his 28 November letter to the DCI. First is a manned moon colony as a long-term goal with a White House-sponsored national space summit to address options and goals. Second is the procurement of a fifth orbiter to support extended Shuttle-Spacelab operations in the interim. The final element has Commerce developing an action-oriented space commercialization policy. If it appears that a fallback position from our preferred Option 3 is needed, we recommend support for the thrust of Dr. Keyworth's proposal. It is in fact an imaginative projection based on Option 3. We believe that the exact long-range goal and any interim activities (fifth orbiter-Spacelab) should come from the recommendations of the White House-sponsored space summit. OSTP should be in charge, not NSC or CCCT.

3. Note that in an 18 November letter from Mr. Beggs to Secretary Weinberger, Beggs states that he can develop the space station within any reasonable projected NASA budget level. The budget level he is referring to is NASA's "leadership" level, which is an increase of about \$3 B/year (in constant 1984 dollars) over their current funding level from 1988 to 2000.

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